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BETA-GALACTOSIDE ACTIVITY

Docket No.:

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1.	This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 1 months to respond to the Office						
	Action dated April 22, 2003.						
2.	Applicant is		a small entity;	\boxtimes	other than a small entity.		

Calculation of extension fee $(37 \text{ C.F.R.} \ \S \ 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5))$:

	Total Months	Fee For Other	Fee for
	Requested	Than Small Entity	Small Entity
\boxtimes	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
	two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
	three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
	four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
	five months*	\$1,970.00	\$985.00
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Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

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Respectfully submitted

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